

# BUILDING ACTIVITY SHOWS NOTABLE INCREASE IN CITY

## Hotel to Cost \$2,000,000 Planned for Washington

New York Corporation Considering Several Sites, Among Them That of St. Matthew's Church, Fifteenth and H Streets.

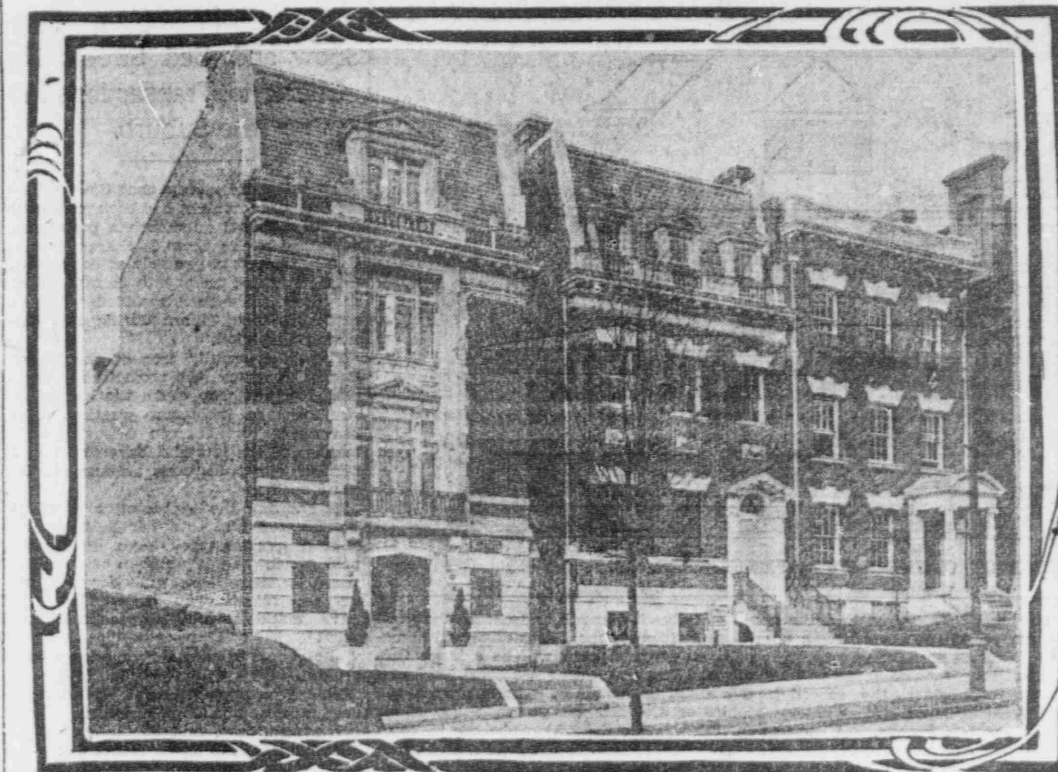
Last summer, when the option was secured on the St. Matthew's Church site, at the corner of Fifteenth and H streets northwest, it was variously published that it was to be used to build a large department store, apartment house, or theater building. The Times stated then that the object of the purchase was to secure a site for a fine hotel, as it was known that the gentleman who had secured the option was acting as the representative of large hotel interests in New York that were desirous of establishing a fine hotel here.

During the past week a representative of those interests was in town looking over the ground again, and in the

course of his movements visited the site of St. Matthew's Church, together with that of the Richmond Hotel property, at the corner of Seventeenth and H streets, and the buildings and ground occupied by the Convent of Visitation, in Connecticut avenue. This latter property is understood to be held at \$200,000, while the church property was offered last summer at \$400,000, though it is stated the price has now been considerably advanced.

The corporation that is considering the building of a hotel has a capital of \$2,000,000, and it is expected that should they secure an available site they would erect a building that, including the furnishings, would cost about that sum.

## Three Attractive New Houses On Washington Heights



CONNECTICUT AVENUE HOMES JUST BEING COMPLETED.

### Handsome Residences Designed by Wood, Donn & Deming.

Among the attractive houses that have lately been finished along the line of Connecticut avenue, as it winds its way upon Washington Heights, the group of three that are just approaching completion, between Le Roy place and Bancroft place, are of the most pleasing and inviting character. The lower two of the group were built after designs by Wood, Donn & Deming for John H. Nolan, who occupies one of them as a residence. The upper one of the two houses is Colonial, while the lower, which is occupied by the owner, is French in detail, the object intended being to make two houses built together harmonize in general color and height and yet to express two separate dwellings, with different conditions in each.

The kitchen is upon the parlor floor and opens directly in the backyard. This was made possible by the rise in grade toward the rear and makes a plan combining the good features of the American basement house in front and yet retaining the stoop pattern so popular with housekeepers, with the kitchen on the first floor in the rear.

The upper house is Colonial throughout, with large rooms and all the general features which make this style of architecture so much admired for a handsome residence.

Both houses are handsomely decorated and studied in every detail in a way that gives all of this firm of architects' houses their feeling of originality and taste, even to the minutest molding. They impress the beholder at once as livable, refined, and with every modern device for comfort carefully worked out.

complete and furnishing every convenience required in a residence designed as a handsome home. The style of decoration will harmonize with the architecture of the building, and the wall coverings and dainty hand decorations will make it both exteriorly and interiorly one of the most attractive residences of its size on Connecticut avenue.

It is probable that the cost of these three handsome additions to the homes of that section will approximate \$100,000 exclusive of the ground. As agents have already placed their signs offering them for sale upon the two unoccupied houses it is likely that in the near future they will change owners, as the location is most delightful.

### APARTMENT HOUSE CONTRACT AWARDED

B. W. Guy has awarded the contract for the construction of a two-story brick and stone apartment house to be built at 1218 Madison street northwest at an estimated cost of about \$5,000. J. O. Guy will do the work.

## CHIMNEYS VIE WITH MONUMENT

Smokestacks Almost as High as Big Washington Shaft.

The highest chimney in England is that at Barlow & Dobson's mill, at Bolton. It is 365 feet in height and the material used in its construction was 800,000 bricks and 123 tons of stone.

This big smokestack is excelled by at least two in Scotland—the St. Rollox chimney, in Glasgow, is 445 and the Townsend chimney, in the same city, is 458 feet high. But the smokestacks make no more of climbing such shafts than one-third of their height, though the vibration is much greater and more serious at times.

All chimneys vibrate, especially in a gale; it is a condition of their safety, but the oscillation at the top is a serious matter for any one at work there during a high wind, and the job is postponed to a calmer day.

Lancashire also boasts one of the crookedest chimneys in the world—a shaft at Brook Mill, Heywood—which is nearly 200 feet high and more than six feet out of plumb. It has been belted with iron bands and is considered safe.

### SEVEN NEW DWELLINGS ON E STREET SOUTHEAST

It is announced that Thomas H. Pickford, of 1419 G street, will erect in the spring seven two-story brick dwellings on E street, between First and Second streets; also nineteen two-story brick dwellings at Fourteenth and G streets southeast. He expects also to build a five-story apartment house on Nineteenth street, near Pennsylvania avenue northwest, and a three-story apartment house at the corner of Fourteenth and C streets southwest. These, together with the buildings already under way and provided for, give every promise of continued activity in the building line.

### LANE BROTHERS TO ERECT NEW BRICK DWELLINGS

It is reported that Lane Brothers, contractors, of 1127 B street southeast, will erect twenty-two two-story brick dwellings on Tenth street and Spring road and at Holmed avenue and Springwood. This section has been building up very rapidly, the amount of building done last year within a radius of half a mile probably exceeding any other section of the city. The houses erected have all been of a very desirable character, and have furnished pleasant homes for those desiring to live upon the outskirts of the city.

## NEW CHURCH READY IN EARLY SPRING

Calvary Methodists Soon to Occupy Their New Structure.

The members of the congregation of the Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church of Georgetown are looking forward toward spring, when the handsome new church edifice will have been completed. It is now in course of construction, and the completion is being pushed by the contractor.

The new Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church is located on the south side of Q street, between Thirtieth and Thirty-first streets northwest, and represents an expenditure for the building alone of \$15,000. Rev. J. H. Ballinger is pastor of the church.

The congregation is now holding services in the small frame church on the west side of Thirty-third street, between Volta and Q streets northwest.

This church has gained quite a reputation in the West End, as the result of the two great bargains in real estate it has secured during the past few years. It purchased the Thirty-third street property, which is a part of the old Presbyterian Graveyard from the West Street Presbyterian Church of Georgetown, for the sum of \$3,000, and a few months ago purchased at public auction the site of the present new church, on Q street, for the ridiculously low price of 38 cents per square foot, when property adjoining on both sides of the lot and on the north side of the street have sold within the past year or two for \$1 per square foot.

### FOUR NEW DWELLINGS ON E STREET SOUTHEAST

Mrs. Lottie I. Burn has awarded the contract for the construction of four two-story brick dwellings at 1513 to 1519 E street southeast, to cost about \$10,000. It is expected the houses will be completed by spring and will find ready occupants, as the demand for houses in that section is only partially supplied.

### BRICK DWELLINGS ON ELEVENTH STREET

John H. Lloyd, builder, will erect five additional two-story brick dwellings on Eleventh street north of Monroe street northwest. Since the cutting through of Eleventh street, about three years ago, and the extension of the car service, this street has been almost entirely built up, and agents report that houses are rented or sold before fully completed.

### PERMIT FOR NEW BRICK DWELLINGS

A building permit was issued on Friday to Michael Plannery for the construction of eighteen two-story brick dwellings at 1096 to 1010 G street southeast, at an estimated cost of \$40,000. Also, one for the erection of two two-story brick and frame dwellings at 584 and 582 Sixteenth street southeast, which are estimated at \$5,000. The plans were drawn by Architect A. H. Evers, while the contract of construction has been awarded to Builder J. H. Powers.

### BRICK AND STUCCO STORE BUILDINGS

John L. Warren will erect three one-story brick and stucco store buildings on V street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets northwest as soon as bids can be secured. It is also intended to erect stables in the rear.

### BUILDERS ESTIMATING ON NEW BRICK HOUSES

Builders are estimating on the construction of eight two-story brick dwellings, which William M. Gain intends to build at Warder and Lamont avenues. The plans were prepared by N. T. Haller Company, architects, and it is expected the cost will approximate \$34,000. The plans call for hot water heating systems and usual conveniences of modern houses.

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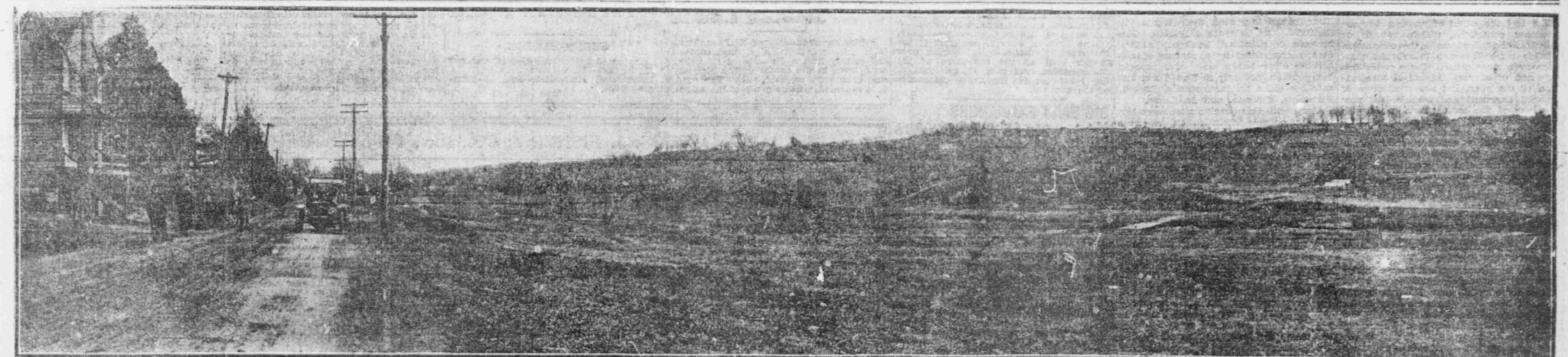
Bailey & Pumphrey, builders, will erect seven two-story brick dwellings at 200 to 312 South Carolina avenue southeast after plans prepared by Edward O. Volland, architect, that are estimated to cost about \$21,000. This firm of builders have constructed a large number of medium size dwellings, and their designs have been very popular with home-seekers, who find their houses complete in many essential details.

### TO ERECT THREE NEW BRICK STORES

Vincent Spicuzza will build three one-story brick stores, at 80, 82 and 84 Rhode Island avenue northwest, at an estimated cost of \$5,500, having taken out a permit, naming C. R. Hazell as the builder. A. M. Schneider, architect, prepared the plans. The rapid building up of this section with dwellings has rendered necessary a number of stores to supply local needs, and business is pushing in that direction with much success.

### PERMIT FOR NEW DWELLING.

Henry Johnson has secured a permit for the erection of a two-story brick dwelling, at 123 Union street southwest. The estimated cost is \$2,300 and the contract for construction has been awarded Burgess & Parsons.



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